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Sir:

In accordance with their duty of disclosure, applicants wish to make the reference cited in the attached 1449 form of record in this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Applicants believe no fee is required for filing these papers. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fee due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0624.

Early consideration and action on the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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DE 38 32 716 C2

DE 38 32 716 C2 describes a spring shaft according to the preamble of claim 1 (cf. Figures 1 and 2)

Therein the coils have a cross section departing from the circular shape, with at least one edge acting on the pipeline (cf. Figures 3 to 5).

The subject of claim 1 is thus no longer new and therefore not patentable.

The configurations according to claims 2 and 5 might have patentable importance. Claims 6 to 11 could be added with changed numeration and back-referencing. Also, a revised description is to be submitted in the usual manner.

Fresh copies of the documents being changed are necessary.

With the documents on hand no grant of a patent can take place.

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